

wooden table of medium height, the Crookes-tube is placed beneath the table, and the surgeon, wearing "fluoroscopic spectacles" (a special form of fluoroscope strapped to the head), with hands thus freed, bends over the involved lesion, making and retaining the adjustment of the bones during the application of a retentive appliance, every step of which application he is thus able to watch, as to its bearing upon the disrupted bone-ends.

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FINDLEY'S GYNECOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS. A Treatise on the Diagnosis of Diseases of Women. For Students and Practitioners. By PALMER FINDLEY, B.S., M.D., Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Rush Medical College. Octavo, 588 pages. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia and New York, 1905.

All who are interested in gynecology realize the need of suitable works on this important subject. There should be, first, comprehensive treatises on the pathology of the subject; secondly, on the diagnosis of gynecological conditions; and, finally, on the treatment of these conditions, both operative and otherwise. While all three phases of this subject can be, and usually are, treated in one volume, it would seem best to have one or more authoritative treatises on each of its important phases. The need of such treatises in gynecological pathology are most urgent, for these should be the foundation of both the diagnosis of gynecological conditions and also their treatment. The lack of this foundation is most apparent to anyone reviewing the many gynecological text-books. It has caused not only an absence of uniformity among the different writers but has also, at times, led to the artificial and erroneous classification of diseased conditions and their treatment; as, for example, let any one compare the subject of endometritis as discussed in any six of our modern text-books and note the lack of uniformity in the classification and pathology of this condition.

The writer of the present volume has covered the first two phases of the subject by considering the question of the diagnosis of gynecological conditions in connection with the pathological changes giving rise to these.

The first part of the present edition, consisting of 123 pages, is devoted to the consideration of the general diagnosis of gynecological conditions,—*i. e.*, the history of the case, the symptoms peculiar to gynecological cases, and the methods used in the examination of the patients and in the determination of the cause of the trouble. In Part II, consisting of 360 pages, the special diagnosis of gynecological diseases is considered; and Part III, of 88 pages, is devoted to the diagnosis of the diseases of the urinary system.

The work is thorough, systematic and well indexed, and the illustrations show what the author wishes to emphasize. The publishers state that the first edition has been exhausted and that the present represents a thorough revision of the previous one, with the addition of nearly 100 pages of text, 12 engravings and 14 colored plates. The work can be recommended as the best we have in a field where such a work is greatly needed and in which there are too few contributions.

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